

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	Edwin Ryan	Examiner: Sarah Webb
Serial No.:	10/767,556	Group Art Unit: 3731
Filed:	January 29, 2004	Docket No: 1775.001US1
Title	SMALL GAUGE SURGICAL INSTRUMENT WITH SUPPORT DEVICE	

**PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In accordance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Office Action mailed June 23, 2006, said period of response being extended from September 23, 2006 to October 23, 2006.

**Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0743 in the amount of \$60.00 to cover the required extension fee. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to deposit Account No. 19-0743.**

Respectfully Submitted

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**CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8:** The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence is being filed using the USPTO's electronic filing system EFS-Web, and is addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2006.

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